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Monetary matters worry Vierling. He has enough money to pay his help for two more weeks, which he proposes to do, but not enough to continue longer.

It is not known what the status of this enterprise with the military government unit is. Vierling, as explained below, is wanted by them and is here only on borrowed time unless some steps are taken. The military government is on thin ice in not arresting him immediately, for no papers of any kind directing this abstinence are available. Vierling evidently owns the whole laboratory, and the Allies seem to have no rights in it unless it is seized.

Rumors floating around say that all businesses in Germany operated by pre-1937 Nazis (probably including Vierling) will be closed by 27 July. There is also some question as to whether Vierling can lawfully continue research at this time on the basis of the type of work done, irrespective of political leanings. It is considered to be urgent that some definite steps be taken to stabilize this investigation in a legal sense.

PROFESSOR VIERLING

Professor Vierling will be arrested by the military government section as soon as they can bring it about. He is charged with being a member of the SS and with having had Gestapo railroad a few workers. One witness is Zapp; he is said to have escaped from the Gestapo into Hamburg, where he later got himself into British hands. He is now believed to be in Ebermannstadt, and it is expected that he will be interrogated.

Scientifically Vierling has what appears to be a good record. He has taught at technical high schools at both Berlin and Hanover and run private laboratories at both places. He has contributed many papers on acoustics to reputable journals, hitting his peak about 1937.

Vierling's history is spectacular. He was poor, but he finally won a scholarship to Technical High School. He got a doctorate and taught at Berlin. He opened a laboratory there on the side and says that he began to amass a small fortune. In 1938 he went to Hanover and the fortune grew in another private laboratory. He says that he made much money out of a test using 7 meter radio waves to determine the wearing qualities of rubber made with a substitute for charcoal. He claims to have built the Feuerstein Laboratory privately after his Hanover establishment (which is still running) was damaged in a bombing. His staff designed and built the place (he says) opening two quarries for rock, etc. Nine months were required for the construction. He ran out of money, refused to sign the papers OKH wanted before they would give him the 850,000 marks he claimed he needed. Actually (he says) he needed only 450,000 which he borrowed from the industrial bank. He borrowed his money in 1941 and has since repaid it from his profits. At no time did he take OKH money, he says. He has a most expensive and well chosen library and a few keepsakes which look more like they belong to Hearst than a physicist; their origin has not been checked.

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Living on the premises but having no job in or access to the laboratory:

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| Wally Vierling | Estranged wife of Oskar Vierling |
| Walter Vierling | Child of Oskar and Wally Vierling |

Finally Dr. Liebknecht is still held in the transmitter house. He is slowly expanding his report, already submitted and translated, and it is believed that he will be of no further use at Ebermannstadt when it is complete. He should probably be held here until other members of the inspecting party have a chance to interrogate him, but no new material is expected from this. His family lived in Thuringen, now occupied by Russia, when he last heard from them, but they were only three or four kilometers from the Bavarian border and he believes that they might have got across. No discrepancy between the stories of Liebknecht and Vierling have been detected. It is strongly recommended that Liebknecht be removed from Ebermannstadt at an early date and that he be released if practicable.

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